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TAGS: PFOR, OVIP (KAUNDA, KENNETH), ZA CG

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KAUNDA TO VISIT ZAIRE NOV 23-25

1. IN CONNECTION WITH CODEL YOUNG VISIT TO ZAMBIA, PRESIDENT KAUNDA INFORMED US IN WRITING THAT HE WOULD BE "ABSENT IN A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY" NOV 23-25. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BANDA, AS WELL AS ZAIROIS EMBASSY HERE, CONFIRMED TO US THAT KAUNDA AND FONMIN WOULD BE LEADING A ZAMBIAN DELEGATION TO KINSHASA ON THOSE DATES FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEACE IN ZAIRE. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF DETAILS EXPECTED SOON.

2. COMMENT: WHILE VISIT WOULD APPEAR BE INTENDED PRIMARILY AS PROTOCOLARY ONE ON CLOSE NEIGHBOR, LIKELY THAT TWO PRESIDENTS WILL USE THIS OCCASION TO SHARE VIEWS ON ANGOLAN SITUATION WHERE BOTH ARE OPPOSED TO
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MPLA ASSUMPTION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND ARE BACKING (ALTHOUGH

IN CASE OF ZAMBIA, MOST DISCREETLY) RIVAL FNLA/UNITA
COALITION. WHILE THERE MANY DIFFERENCES OF SUBSTANCE
AND STYLE BETWEEN KAUNDA AND MOBUTU, KAUNDA PROBABLY
SEES PARTICIPATION IN THE ZIARE CELEBRATIONS AS WAY OF
HONORING AND CULTIVATING A CLOSE ALLY FOR THE FUTURE,
IF ONE IS NEEDED, GIVEN INDICATIONS OF POTENTIAL STRAIN
ON HITHERTO VERY CLOSE TIES BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA,
AS WELL AS MOZAMBIQUE, OVER THEIR DIFFERING POSTURES TOWARD
ANGOLAN AND RHODESIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
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